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Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 4th and 13th meetings, on 4 and 22 October 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.4 and 13).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/406).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.4

4. At the 13th meeting, on 22 October 1999, the representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor" (A/C.5/54/L.4).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.4 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Japan and the United States of America (see A/C.5/54/SR.13).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 53/240 of 29 June 1999, wherein it appropriated an amount of 52,531,100 United States dollars gross for the Mission and decided that the amount to be assessed would be determined after the review of the report which the Secretary-General would submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, taking into account voluntary contributions received,

Commending all United Nations missions for their continuing efforts to effectively implement their mandated activities,

Reaffirming the international character of the Organization,

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Reiterates* that the expenses of the Organization shall be borne by Member States as apportioned by the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that staff in all United Nations missions continue to respect the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the Organization;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in East Timor in full and on time;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission in East Timor is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

9. *Notes* that voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Settlement of the Question of East Timor paid and pledged so far amount to 43,834,700 dollars and in-kind contributions are valued at 3,438,700 dollars;

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[1] A/54/380.

[2] A/54/406.

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to all those Member States that have made voluntary contributions to the Mission;

11. *Decides* to revise the level of appropriation to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in East Timor for the period 5 May 1999 to 30 September 1999 (phase I) to a total amount of 54,428,400 dollars gross (52,941,100 dollars net);

12. *Decides also* to apportion the amount of 7,155,000 dollars gross (5,667,700 dollars net) among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

13. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to 28,037,100 dollars gross (27,080,700 dollars net), in addition to the commitment authority up to 10,000,000 dollars granted by the Advisory Committee on 9 September 1999, for the requirements of phase II of the Mission, pending the submission of a revised budget by the Secretary-General.